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### Subpart A—General

### § 370.1 What is the Client Assistance Program (CAP)?

The purpose of this program is to establish and carry out CAPs that—

- (a) Advise and inform clients and client applicants of all services and benefits available to them through programs authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Act), as amended;
- (b) Assist and advocate for clients and client applicants in their relationships with projects, programs, and community rehabilitation programs providing services under the Act; and

(c) Inform individuals with disabilities in the State, especially individuals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by vocational rehabilitation programs, of the services and benefits available to them under the Act and under title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 U.S.C. 12101-12213.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 732(a))

#### § 370.2 Who is eligible for an award?

- (a) Any State, through its Governor, is eligible for an award under this part if the State submits, and receives approval of, an application in accordance with §370.20.
- (b) The Governor of each State shall designate a public or private agency to conduct the State's CAP under this part.
- (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, the Governor shall designate an agency that is independent of any agency that provides treatment, services, or rehabilitation to individuals under the Act.
- (d) The Governor may, in the initial designation, designate an agency that provides treatment, services, or rehabilitation to individuals with disabilities under the Act if, at any time before February 22, 1984, there was an agency in the State that both—
- (1) Was a grantee under section 112 of the Act by serving as a client assistance agency and directly carrying out a CAP; and
- (2) Was, at the same time, a grantee under any other provision of the Act.
- (e) Except as permitted in paragraph (f) of this section, an agency designated by the Governor of a State to conduct the State's CAP under this part may not award a subgrant to or enter into a contract with an agency that provides services under this Act either to carry out the CAP or to provide services under the CAP.
- (f) An agency designated by the Governor of a State to conduct the State's CAP under this part may enter into a contract with a center for independent living (center) that provides services under the Act if—
- (1) On February 22, 1984, the designated agency was contracting with one or more centers to provide CAP services; and

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- (2) The designated agency meets the requirements of paragraph (g) of this section.
- (g) A designated agency that contracts to provide CAP services with a center (pursuant to paragraph (f) of this section) or with an entity or individual that does not provide services under the Act remains responsible for—
- (1) The conduct of a CAP that meets all of the requirements of this part;
- (2) Ensuring that the center, entity, or individual expends CAP funds in accordance with—
  - (i) The regulations in this part; and
- (ii) The cost principles applicable to the designated agency; and
- (3) The direct day-to-day supervision of the CAP services being carried out by the contractor. This day-to-day supervision must include the direct supervision of the individuals who are employed or used by the contractor to provide CAP services.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 732(a) and (c)(1)(A))

## § 370.3 Who is eligible for services and information under the CAP?

- (a) Any client or client applicant is eligible for the services described in  $\S\,370.4$ .
- (b) Any individual with a disability is eligible to receive information on the services and benefits available to individuals with disabilities under the Act and title I of the ADA.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 732(a))

## § 370.4 What kinds of activities may the Secretary fund?

- (a) Funds made available under this part must be used for activities consistent with the purposes of this program, including—
- (1) Advising and informing clients, client applicants, and individuals with disabilities in the State, especially individuals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by vocational rehabilitation programs, of—
- (i) All services and benefits available to them through programs authorized under the Act; and
- (ii) Their rights in connection with those services and benefits;
- (2) Informing individuals with disabilities in the State, especially indi-

viduals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by vocational rehabilitation programs, of the services and benefits available to them under title I of the ADA:

- (3) Upon the request of a client or client applicant, assisting and advocating on behalf of a client and client applicant in his or her relationship with projects, programs, and community rehabilitation programs that provide services under the Act by engaging in individual or systemic advocacy and pursuing, or assisting and advocating on behalf of a client and client applicant to pursue, legal, administrative, and other available remedies, if necessary—
- (i) To ensure the protection of the rights of a client or client applicant under the Act; and
- (ii) To facilitate access by individuals with disabilities and individuals with disabilities who are making the transition from public school programs to services funded under the Act; and
- (4) Providing information to the public concerning the CAP.
- (b) In providing assistance and advocacy services under this part with respect to services under title I of the Act, a designated agency may provide assistance and advocacy services to a client or client applicant to facilitate the individual's employment, including assistance and advocacy services with respect to the individual's claims under title I of the ADA, if those claims under title I of the ADA are directly related to services under the Act that the individual is receiving or seeking.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 732(a))

#### § 370.5 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the expenditure of funds under the CAP:

- (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:
- (1) 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Nonprofit Organizations) applies to the designated agency if the designated agency is not a State agency, local government agency, or Indian tribal organization. As